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**GOVERNOR WARNER ANNOUNCES GRANTS
TO PREVENT DOMESTIC VIOLENCE**

~ More than \$6 million awarded to 47 community agencies ~

RICHMOND - Governor Mark R. Warner today announced 47 grants totaling more than \$6.4 million for community-based domestic violence prevention programs across Virginia.

"Domestic violence adversely impacts the lives of thousands of people across the Commonwealth," Governor Warner said. "This is important work. The organizations that are receiving these awards provide for the safety of survivors of domestic violence and their children through emergency housing, crisis intervention, advocacy, public awareness, and other programs."

The grants were awarded by the Virginia Department of Social Services (VDSS), which will provide technical assistance, training and support services for local providers during the funding year. Funding comes from the federal Victims of Crime Act (\$1.9 million), the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act (\$2 million), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (\$1.1 million), and the Virginia Family Violence Prevention Program (\$1.4 million in federal and state funds).

For the first time this year, grants were awarded through a more user-friendly "Request for Application" process instead of the "Request for Proposal" traditionally used to purchase goods and services. The change helped speed up the application review process, and enabled VDSS to ask more relevant questions about an applicant's coordination of services at the community level.

"Domestic violence is a serious problem in the Commonwealth. Nearly 55,000 survivors and their children are served each year by local domestic violence agencies, and the need for services continues to increase," VDSS Commissioner Maurice A. Jones said. "In 2003, nearly 5,000 adults and children were turned away from shelters because of a lack of space."

The following local service providers have been awarded funds for the Domestic Violence Prevention Program:

Abuse Alternatives (Bristol)	\$106,057
ACTS/Turing Points (Dumfries)	\$149,117
Amherst Commission on Domestic Violence (Amherst)	\$ 94,326
Avalon (Williamsburg)	\$150,512
Bedford Department of Social Services (Bedford)	\$117,340
Choices, Council on Domestic Violence for Page County, Inc. (Luray)	\$121,138
Citizens Against Family Violence, Inc. (Martinsville)	\$152,172
City of Alexandria Office on Women (Alexandria)	\$164,429
Clinch Valley Community Action Agency, Inc.	
– Family Crisis Services (North Tazewell)	\$ 76,784
DOVES, Inc. (Danville)	\$134,385
Eastern Shore Coalition Against Domestic Violence (Onancock)	\$121,408
Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board (Fairfax)	\$ 23,622
Family Crisis Support Services, Inc. (Norton)	\$162,803
Family Resource Center (Wytheville)	\$192,641
First Step: A Response to Domestic Violence (Harrisonburg)	\$165,072
Franklin County - Family Resource Center (Rocky Mount)	\$147,607
Hanover Domestic Violence Task Force, Inc. (Ashland)	\$102,376
Help and Emergency Response, Inc. (Portsmouth)	\$142,216
Hope House of Scott County, Inc. (Gate City)	\$117,424
Laurel Shelter, Inc. (Gloucester)	\$ 75,273
Loudon Citizens for Social Justice, Inc. (LAWS) (Leesburg)	\$150,477
New Directions Center, Inc. (Staunton)	\$174,985
People Incorporated of Southwest Virginia (Abingdon)	\$123,497
Project Horizon, Inc. (Lexington)	\$150,845
Quin Rivers Agency for Community Action, Inc. (Quinton)	\$133,215
Rappahannock Council on Domestic Violence Corp. (Fredericksburg)	\$178,213
Response, Inc. (Woodstock)	\$148,586
Safe Harbor (Richmond)	\$ 58,647
Safehome Systems, Inc. (Covington)	\$ 96,509
Samaritan House, Inc. (Virginia Beach)	\$209,579
Services to Abused Families, Inc. (Culpeper)	\$167,366
Shelter for Abused Women (Winchester)	\$193,735
Shelter for Help in Emergency (Charlottesville)	\$146,569
Sixth District Court Services Unit (Emporia)	\$ 68,989
Southside Center for Violence Prevention, Inc. (Farmville)	\$ 41,357
The Arlington Community Temporary Shelter (TACTS) (Arlington)	\$101,541
The Genieve Shelter (Suffolk)	\$121,991
The Haven Shelter and Services, Inc. (Warsaw)	\$123,381
The James House (Hopewell)	\$ 30,000
The Salvation Army – Turning Point (Roanoke)	\$ 65,528
Total Action Against Poverty in Roanoke Valley (Roanoke)	\$121,509
Transitions Family Violence Services (Hampton)	\$212,060
Warren County Council on Domestic Violence (Front Royal)	\$103,494
Women’s Resource Center of the New River Valley, Inc. (Radford)	\$183,756
YWCA of Central Virginia (Lynchburg)	\$153,473

YWCA of Richmond (Richmond)	\$143,964
YWCA of South Hampton Roads (Norfolk)	\$129,834

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